

**In the Claims**

Please add new claims 32-46 as follows:

32. (New) A clamp comprising:  
a saddle member having a concave saddle region;  
a first curved shim secured to the concave saddle region of the saddle member;  
a U-shaped structure mounted on the saddle member, the U-shaped structure including spaced-apart threaded legs and a second curved shim that extends between the threaded legs, the second curved shim being positioned to oppose the first curved shim;  
the first and second shims being made of metal and forming substantially a full cylinder at least when the saddle member and the U-shaped structure are drawn completely together.
33. (New) The clamp of claim 32, wherein the first and second curved shims each form substantially a half-cylinder.
34. (New) The clamp of claim 32, wherein at least one of the first and second curved shims has a generally rectangular cross-section.
35. (New) The clamp of claim 32, wherein the saddle member comprises a double saddle.
36. (New) The clamp of claim 32, wherein the saddle member includes opposing, spaced-apart front and back walls, between which the threaded legs of the U-shaped structure are inserted.
37. (New) The clamp of claim 32, wherein the first curved shim covers the entire concave saddle region of the saddle member.

38. (New) The clamp of claim 32, wherein the spaced-apart threaded legs are substantially parallel to one another.
39. (New) The clamp of claim 32, further including a weldment located along the second curved shim to secure the second curved shim relative to the threaded legs.
40. (New) A clamp comprising:  
 a saddle member having a concave saddle region;  
 a first curved shim secured to the concave saddle region of the saddle member;  
 a bolt structure mounted on the saddle member, the bolt structure including spaced-apart threaded legs, the bolt structure being connected to a second curved shim that extends between the spaced-apart threaded legs, the second curved shim being positioned to oppose the first curved shim;  
 the first and second shims being made of metal and forming substantially a full cylinder at least when the saddle member and the bolt structure are drawn completely together.
41. (New) The clamp of claim 40, wherein the spaced-apart legs are substantially parallel to one another.
42. (New) The clamp of claim 40, wherein the bolt structure is connected to the second curved shim by a weldment to secure the second curved shim relative to the bolt structure.
43. (New) The clamp of claim 40, wherein the bolt structure is a U-shaped bolt structure.
44. (New) A clamp comprising:  
 a saddle member having a concave saddle portion;  
 a U-shaped structure mounted on the saddle member, the U-shaped structure having a concave portion oriented opposed to the saddle member concave saddle portion;  
 a first curved sealing plate secured to the saddle member concave saddle portion, the first curved sealing plate being made of metal;

a second curved sealing plate defining the concave portion of the U-shaped structure, the second sealing plate being made of metal, and the first curved sealing plate having a concave side opposed to the concave portion of the second curved sealing plate; and

the first curved sealing plate covering at least a central, mid-region of the concave saddle portion.

45. (New) The clamp of claim 44, wherein the U-shaped structure includes threaded legs positioned on opposite sides of the second curved sealing plate.

46. (New) A clamp comprising:

a first clamp component comprising a U-shaped structure including a first curved metal sealing plate defining a first concave surface, the U-shaped structure also including first and second threaded legs positioned at opposite sides of the first curved metal sealing plate; and  
 a second clamp component including first and second spaced-apart leg receivers for respectively receiving the first and second legs of the first clamp component, the second clamp component also including a second curved metal sealing plate defining a second concave surface that opposes the first concave surface when the first and second legs of the first clamp component are received in the first and second leg receivers of the second clamp component; and  
 the first and second curved metal sealing plates forming substantially a full cylinder when the first and second clamp components are drawn completely together.

POSSIBLE REVISION

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 45 } NO FULL CYLINDER